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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

MINORU HORII

For: Printer and Printing Method (As Amended)

Application No. 09/517,149

Filing Date: March 2, 2000

Examiner: Poon, King Y.

Group Art Unit: 2624

TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-captioned application are the following:

- 1) This Transmittal Letter;
- 2) A Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- 3) A Return postcard.

No fees are believed to be due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 or § 1.17 to **Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 3351778.04000.**

Dated: September 9, 2005

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2005, Applicants select Group IV combined with Group II, Claims 35 – 38 and Claim 24 respectively, for examination with traverse.

The Groups identified in the outstanding Office Action are:

Group I. The embodiment disclosed in page 2 to page 5, lines 1 – 24.

Group II. Another embodiment disclosed in page 5, lines 35 – 31, page 6 lines 1 – 8, amendment filed on 5/2/2005.

Group III. Another embodiment disclosed in page 6, lines 9 – 19, amendment filed on 5/2/05.

Group IV. Another embodiment disclosed in page 6, lines 20 – 31, amendment filed on 5/2/2005.

Applicants respectfully request combination of Groups II, and IV because the subject matter of each group, while patentably distinct, are closely related enough that it is believed that no undue burden would be imposed on the Examiner. If the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to determine appropriate subject matter for examination.

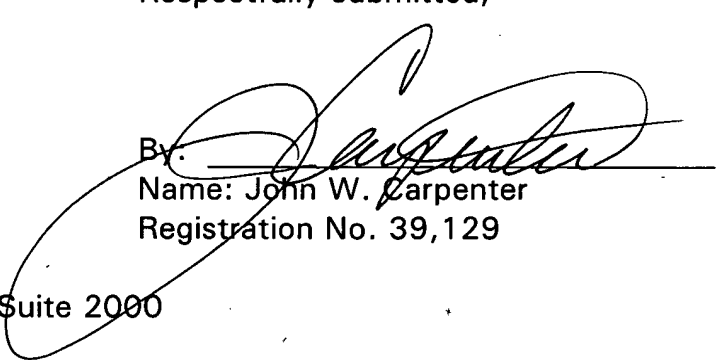
In the event the above election is deemed unacceptable, Applicants respectfully request election of Group IV, Claims 35-38 with traverse, for examination at this time.

No further issues are believed to be outstanding and this case is ready for examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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